

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

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Subject: Bossert Manufacturing Site
Utica, Oneida County, New York

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II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	S7
Delivery Order No.:	2101-02-010
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	N/A
CERCLIS No.:	NYD002249563
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Status:	Approved on 9/26/97
Start Date:	9/30/97
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, welding, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Removal Actions to Date

5/18/98-5/29/98: ERRS concentrated their efforts on the Oswego street demolition which consisted of tearing down part of the partially collapsed structure off Oswego street and removing ACM debris and scrap metal via rolloff boxes. During this reporting period, one roll-off dumpster of scrap metal and 13 rolloff boxes of ACM debris were shipped off site. Scrap metal was sent for salvaging to recover funds which will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling. See VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL for an updated table of scrap metal salvaged and funds recovered. The ACM debris rolloffs were sent to Niagra Recycling Inc. which is state permitted facility. To date 19 rolloff boxes with a combined volume of 570 cubic feet have been shipped off site.

ERRS technicians continued to clean floors in the trimmer room and press room. Wipe samples were taken from the trimmer room floor in order to determine residual PCB concentrations. Two sets of wipe samples and one set of grease samples were taken from four presses in the press room in order to compare PCB concentrations before and after trial cleaning solutions were applied.

On May 20 and May 21, two roll-off boxes of PCB contaminated debris totaling 50 cubic yards were transported off site and disposed of at a permitted landfill. To date, 67 roll-off boxes of with a combined volume of 1,720 cubic yards have been shipped off the site.

It should be noted that during this time period ERRS demobilized on May 21 at 1300 for extended holiday break. Operations were resumed on May 27 at 0630.

2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

B. Planned Removal Actions

ERRS will continue transportation and disposal of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder on a as need basis. ERRS will also continue fine sweep/clean the Trimmer Room floor and Press Room and conduct structural repairs as necessary. Also, scrap metal will continue to be decontaminated using a high temperature pressure washer.

C. Key Issues

N/A

V. COST INFORMATION AS OF MAY 29, 1998 *

ERRS Contractor	\$	3,086,588
START Contractor Costs	\$	179,441
Intramural Costs		300,313
USCG-AST		<u>3,811</u>
TOTAL	\$	3,570,153
Project Ceiling	\$	5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining		40.4%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Waste stream	Material	Quantity	Containment/Disposition	Disposition	Disposition
PCB (UN3077)	Debris	1,720 cu. yds.	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
PCB (UN2315)	Kiln dust & spent carbon	~ 430 tons	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
ACM	Debris	570 cu. yds.	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Niagra Recycling Inc. Niagra Falls, NY

VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

Material	Quantity	Funds Recovered
Scrap Metal	145.13 tons	\$ 8,680.05

* This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.